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Re: Finance Docket No. 34509

Dear Mr. Williams:

United Transportation Union respectfully submits this letter in support of the request by Petitioner, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen ("BLET"), for a hearing to examine a witness or strike his statement and oral argument before the Board in the above-referenced proceeding on the same grounds set forth in BLET's Petition. This case has important ramifications due to its significant size and yard property involved. Oral argument could resolve some of the disputes between the parties regarding the operations issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. R. Elliott".

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cc: C. J. Miller, III, General Counsel

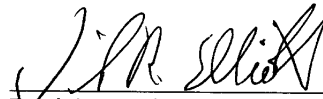
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